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SUBJECT: EVALUATION DR. FRANK N. TRAGER

1. DR. FRANK N. TRAGER, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS; DIRECTOR, NATIONAL STRATEGY INFORMATION CENTER.
VOLSPKR. "U.S. AND ASIA; PRESENT OUTLOOK AND FUTURE PROSPECTS."
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2. QP - KGM ED - U. AR -U. RO -F. FLC - NOT APPLICABLE.

3. HALF-HOUR PRESENTATION TO TWELVE MEMBERS OF UNIVERSITY
PHILIPPINES POLITICAL SCIENCE FACULTY, WHO ALSO MEMBERS
PRESTIGIOUS PHILIPPINE CENTER ADVANCED STUDIES, INST. ORIENTAL
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STUDIES, INST. EAST ASIAN STUDIES. DISCUSSION COVERED "END OF

ERA," -U.S. AT TURNING POINT" ATTITUDES CAUSED BY VIETNAM
DEFEAT, INEFFECTUALITY OF SEATO, AMBIGUITIES OF SHANGHAI
COMMUNIQUE, TRIANGULAR STRUGGLE FOR POWER IN EA. TRAGER
ALSO DISCUSSED ELEMENTS INFLUENCING EA FOREIGN POLICY; I.E.,
SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS, JAPAN ECONOMIC ROLE; SAID ASIAN
REGIONALISM UNCERTAIN DUE TO "NO POLICY VISION IN ASEAN."
TALK PITCHED TOO LOW FOR SOPHISTICATED AUDIENCE.

4. AUDIENCE FEED BACK FROM TWO ASSISTANT, ONE FULL PROFESSOR,
EACH OF WHOM INDEPENDENTLY OFFERED VIEWS THEY SAID REPRESENTA-
TIVE OF U: "MECHANISTIC, NON-HUMANISTIC THEORETICAL VIEW OF
POWER POLITICS." "NOT CURRENT; UNREALISTIC VIEW OF AMERICAN
ROLE IN EA." "NOT OPEN TO THIRD WORLD CONCEPTS." "ADAMANT,"
"ABRASIVE," "TOO READ-MY-BOOK," "PATRONIZING." "SOUNDED LIKE
LECTURE OF 20 YEARS AGO." "HOPE NOT REPRESENTATIVE."

5. DESPITE THOROUGH POLITICAL BRIEFING, TRAGER'S INABILITY ESTAB-
LISH RAPPORT PREVENTED ACHIEVEMENT POST OBJECTIVES.
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